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HAVING FOREIGN MATTER COLLECTOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

The listed references were cited during prosecution of parent application Serial No. 09/564,647, and copies of each reference may be found in the PTO file for the parent application.

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any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,


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